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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

SECRETARY OF LABOR  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Case No. 86-ERA-10

In the Matter of

Cameron Drew,  
Claimant

v.

Jersey Central Power & Light Company,  
Respondent

Approval of Settlement and Dismissal

On May 8, 1986, Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Paul H. Teitler issued a Recommended Decision and Order recommending the approval of a stipulation of settlement entered into by the parties to the above-captioned proceeding, which arises under the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (ERA), 42 U.S.C. § 5851 (1982).

Upon review of the terms of the stipulation, which were presented on the record at a hearing held on March 5, 1986, T. 3-5<sup>1</sup>, I accept the ALJ's recommendation and approve the settlement.

Review of the record in this case raises a matter on which

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it is appropriate that I comment. During the hearing, the ALJ advised the parties that their stipulation of settlement would become the final order in this case unless, within 60 days, I raised objections to their agreement. T.7. Neither the ERA nor its implementing regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 24 (1985) authorize an ALJ to impose any such time restriction. The ALJ's statement was, therefore, erroneous.

In view of my approval of the settlement between Complainant and Respondent, this case is dismissed.

WILLIAM E. BROCK

Secretary of Labor Dated: JUN 17 1988  
Washington, D.C.

**[ENDNOTES]**

<sup>1</sup> T. stands for Transcript.